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Court victory for mother of ten

BIRTH PILL BAN ON UNDER 16s

Doctors ordered to consult parents

By BRENDA PARRY

MRS VICTORIA GILLICK, mother of 10 children, yesterday won her Appeal Court battle against girls under 16 being given contraceptives without their parents' consent.

Three judges declared that a Department of Health and Social Security circular advising doctors they can give contraceptives or advice on contraception to under-age girls without telling their parents was unlawful.

The Department was given leave to appeal to the House of Lords, but last night its intentions were unclear. A spokesman said: "Ministers would consider the judgment and tell the House of Commons before it rises today what their plans were."

Mrs Gillick, a 58-year-old Roman Catholic, described the decision as "the finest Christmas present for millions of families that there could have been."

She said "she was amazed" that all three judges had come down on her side.

Mrs Gillick, who has carried on a six-year campaign, was elated as she left the court yesterday. "Doctors will now be forced to work with parents to look after their children properly, not against them," she was anxious to get home to Wisbech in Cambridgeshire to give the news to her children who, she said, had backed her all the way.

Parents' legal rights infringed

She added that if the D.H.S.S. decided to take the case to the House of Lords then she would follow.

"Children are our future. We cannot let them be ruined," she added.

Mrs Gillick also won a declaration that none of her five daughters—aged two to 15—will be given contraceptives or advice on contraception while under 16 without her prior consent, "save in cases of emergency."

Mrs Gillick had appealed on

Abortions will rise says BMA

Daily Telegraph Reporter
THE Appeal Court ruling that girls under 16 cannot be given contraceptives without their parents' consent threatens to lead to a return to back-street abortions, the British Medical Association said last night.

But moral welfare organisations hailed the ruling as a victory for parents and their right to care for their children.

A B.M.A. statement said: "We think that as a result of the judgment, girls under 16 will not go to the doctors for advice any more."

"That will mean an increase in the number of unwanted pregnancies and we may well go back to the days of back street abortions."

Parents whose girls are sexually active are even less likely to find out now because the girls will not consult doctors who in turn will not be able to persuade them to involve their parents."

"Victory" for parents

Dr Adrian Rogers, an Exeter G.P., who supported efforts to take the issue to the Appeal Court, described the judgment as "tremendous."

He added: "What a condemnation of our society to have to rely on one woman—an impoverished mother of 10—telling about this tremendous victory for parents."

Dr Rogers said he used to prescribe the Pill for problem teenagers, but had discovered that, with proper care and guidance, it was unnecessary.

"This victory is an opportunity for us to look after our children properly. With proper care and attention girls will not get pregnant."

Now, he said, assurances were needed from the family planning organisations and doctors that they would abide by the law.

Mrs Valerie Ridges, secretary of Family and Youth Concern, formerly the Responsible Society, which has some 20,000 members, said the ruling vindicated the natural and fundamental rights of parents in care for and protect their children.

Appeal urged

Mr Michael Meacher, Labour Shadow Health Minister, said he would be calling on the Government to appeal to the House of Lords immediately and to legislate to override the Appeal Court judgment.

"This finding breaches the cardinal principle of patients' confidentiality," he said.

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SHOWPIECE PIT RESUMES PRODUCTION

JUBILANT Coal Board officials yesterday held a Press conference to announce the production of coal for the first time in 10 months at their showpiece pit, Wistow mine, part of the £1 billion Selby complex, began producing coal on Wednesday.

It is the third pit in the Yorkshire coalfield to cut coal since the start of the dispute. The 105 men working there comprise 15 per cent of the workforce, and are producing about 150 tons of coal a day.

KINNOCK STAYS OFF PICKET LINE

By JAMES WIGHTMAN Political Correspondent

MR KINNOCK is taking his time about fulfilling a pledge to striking miners that he would make a picket-line appearance in their support.

He made the promise on Nov 16 when he met lodge officials from the four pits in his South Wales constituency and heard complaints that he was not putting his weight behind the miners.

He was also criticised for not attending the five rallies organised by Mr Scargill, NUM president.

Mr Kinnoch said he would, as soon as his engagements allowed, go to a picket line "to observe". But his office at Westminster said last night that he had not yet done so and had no immediate plans to do so.

Left-wing attacks

The explanation was the same as for his non-attendance at Mr Scargill's rallies: difficulty in finding a free date in his diary.

Although he later attended a rally organised by the Labour party in support of the miners, Mr Kinnoch is still being criticised by some Left-wing politicians for not taking a more prominent role in the coal dispute.

LABOUR HERALD, the newspaper which gives strong support to Mr Scargill, said in an editorial yesterday that Mr Kinnoch had "maintained a studied distance from the NUM leadership and effectively abandoned any support for the miners."

16 MINERS GO BACK TO WORK

By Our Industrial Staff

Only 16 miners returned to work for the first time on yesterday's day shifts. With most English pits due to close for Christmas this evening, the fall-off was not unexpected.

Altogether there were 47 pits producing coal normally, 20 turning out some coal, 72 with some men working and 35 strikebound or picketed out.

UNION MERGER

The 7,500-strong Association of Pattermakers and Allied Craftsmen yesterday officially merged with a U.E.W.Tass, the engineering union's white collar sector. The merger boosts the strength of Tass to 225,000, but the association will keep its identity and will be known as the Craft (Pattermakers) section of Tass.

102 SENT FOR TRIAL

A hundred and two South Wales miners were committed for Crown Court trial yesterday charged with unlawfully assembly and damaging a ship and three ore unloaders at Port Talbot. They were remanded by the magistrate at Alun West, Glamorgan.

BBC unions refuse to back TV fee rise

By ROBIN STRINGER TV and Radio Correspondent

BBC unions are refusing to give backing to the corporation's claim for a 41 per cent increase in the colour television licence fee from £46 to £65, which is meeting severe resistance from the Government and MPs.

Their objections about the top-heavy bureaucracy and poor industrial relations practices, which they say led to the eight-week scurry workers' strike last Spring and a protracted dispute with the journalists over new technology follow a number of criticisms about BBC extravagance.

Mr John Foster, broadcasting organiser for the NUJ, said yesterday: "We do support the idea of public service broadcasting, but we have serious reservations about the bureaucracy of the BBC and its industrial relations practices."

The NUJ and the Association of Broadcasting Staff are due to meet early next year to consider what attitude to adopt to the fee claim.

Latest example

Their keenness to support the BBC's practice is tempered by their continual battle against what they describe as unnecessarily complex pay and organisational structures and a heavily overmanned personnel department.

They regard the bureaucratic deficiencies of the BBC as a far more serious problem than the alleged extravagance of the corporation, especially when young research assistants with university degrees are paid as little as £7,000 a year and experienced staff earn half as much as their fellows in ITV.

The latest example of so-called extravagance to arouse the wrath of MPs is the salary reported to have been offered to persuade Selina Scott to stay on the "Breakfast Time" show.

A figure of £80,000 a year was mentioned by Mr Roger King, Tory MP for Birmingham Northfield, who described it as "more or less hardly spent indeed".

But Mr David Lloyd, editor of "Breakfast Time", said the figure was wildly exaggerated.

No official figure was given but Miss Scott's present contract, which ran out earlier this month, is understood to be worth around £45,000 a year.

Mr North's criticism came during a Commons debate in the early hours of yesterday morning on the financing of the corporation during which several Tory backbenchers attacked the corporation's claim for a £13 increase in the licence fee.

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MINER CLEARED OF ASSAULT

A miners' union delegate was cleared at Edinburgh Sheriff Court yesterday of attacking a working miner in the lavatories of a miners' welfare club after he was beaten in self-defence.

After a two-day trial a jury took 50 minutes to acquit David Hamilton, 34, of Dalkeith, Lothian, of repeatedly punching, kicking and knocking John Hughes, 48, to the ground.

Tories seeking promise on GLC advertising

By OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

LADY PORTER, leader of the Conservative-controlled Westminster City Council, last night issued a challenge to the Greater London Council over its advertising budget. The action could completely change the approach which local councils have to their campaigning against the Government's actions to curb their rates, and the advertising against the abolition of the GLC and the metropolitan county councils.

Mr Terence Neville, the City solicitor for Westminster City Council, demanded an assurance from the council that no further advertisements in its campaign would appear.

His letter follows the victory by the council in an action in the High Court aimed at stopping the Labour-controlled Inner London Education Authority from boosting its advertising budget to over £750,000.

Mr Justice Glidewell ruled that the purpose of ILEA in its advertising must be "to inform the public." But after reviewing recent ILEA advertisements he concluded that they had little or no information content.

Fundamental questions

The Judge said that the advertisements "had the purpose of seeking to persuade members of the public to a view identical to that of the authority itself."

The judgment now raises fun-



Mr Gorbachev in the driving seat at the Austin Rover plant yesterday. The Kremlin's No. 2 was at the wheel of a Montego MG during his visit to the Cowley works.

Raisa Gorbachev is a charming visitor

By JENNY SHIELDS

THE sophisticated looks and informal manner of Mrs Raisa Gorbachev, wife of the man tipped as President Chernenko's successor, have ensured her wide media coverage during her visit to Britain this week.

Cameras have dogged her private programme of engagements: reporters have scribbled down each heavily-accented phrase of English, fashion, writers have praised her wardrobe.

Mrs Gorbachev, it was quickly noted, is not the stereotype wife of a Russian politician content to stay out of the limelight.

Like her husband she shows an easy and confident manner in the early hours of yesterday morning on the financing of the corporation during which several Tory backbenchers attacked the corporation's claim for a £13 increase in the licence fee.

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St. Anthony's College, which specialises in Soviet and international affairs, was originally also expecting a

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Today the Gorbachevs leave for a two-day trip to Scotland before returning to Moscow.

Cowley visit

Austin Rover hopes to clinch a major deal to help modernise the Soviet Union's motor industry after a visit yesterday by Mr Gorbachev to watch the company's robots in action.

Talks between Austin Rover and the Russian had been taking place for sometime before the two-hour visit to Cowley works arranged at the request of the Soviet trade delegation.

Mr Gorbachev saw a demonstration of how cars are designed using the latest computer techniques.

Demonstrators gave Mr Gorbachev a noisy reception yesterday as he arrived at the Savoy Hotel to attend a Chamber of Commerce lunch. But they were kept about 30 yards from the hotel entrance amid tight security.

FULL COVERAGE

Wife in background

NIGEL WADE reports from Moscow: The visit of Mr Gorbachev continues to receive full coverage by the Russian Press and television, but Mrs Gorbachev has appeared only in the background. A glimpse of her was shown in a television report of the delegation's visit to Westminster.

But Russian leaders' wives are little known at home and few of the Soviet audience would have recognised her.

HOMERTON

TO GET STATION

By Our Transport Correspondent

HOMERTON, in North London, is to get a railway station at a cost of £440,000 after being without one for 40 years. The money is coming from the Environment Department and the Greater London Council.

The station on the Camden to North Woolwich line will be on the site of the old station closed in 1944 at the corner of Beresford Road and Barnabas

Bridge. It will open in May.

U.S. clears way for BA's cut-price Atlantic fares

By DAVID SHEARS in Washington

THE American Justice Department opened the way yesterday for British Airways to offer cheap transatlantic fares during the rest of the winter without being accused of infringing United States anti-trust laws.

FIRECRACKER FIGHTBACK BY FIRMS

By Air Cadre G. S. Cooper Air Correspondent

BRITISH enterprise is to fight back in defence of Firecracker, the national aircraft trainer that industry believes was shot down by foreign subsidies.

The Government eliminated Firecracker on grounds of cost and performance. But yesterday a spokesman for Hunting Firecracker said the company had been repeatedly told by official spokesman that the aircraft met the R.A.F.'s performance requirement in full.

No details of the rejection are expected until the winner of the competition to provide the R.A.F. replacement is announced next year.

Benefit of subsidies

Suspicion is growing that the prices tendered by British Aerospace for the Pilatus PC-8 and Shorts for the Embraer Tucano, the two aircraft accepted by the Government for further consideration, enjoyed the benefit of large subsidies from the foreign manufacturers. This would be true if an allowance for the initial cost of developing the aircraft was not included in the price.

Those supporting the private enterprise Firecracker consider it ironic that British Aerospace and Shorts, neither of whom was prepared to put up company money for a new trainer for the R.A.F., end up as Government-accepted competitors to build foreign aircraft abroad.

The spreading practice of buying foreign "off-the-shelf" equipment because it is cheaper coupled with the withdrawal of Government subsidies at home is considered by industry to be making a mockery of fair competition.

Price cuts

The lack of Government support for the home product is also seen as damaging Britain's efforts to sell abroad.

Hunting Firecracker has in the last three months been able to negotiate price cuts on parts from British manufacturers. When those reductions were offered to the Government, the company was advised not to "rock the boat."

SHIPPING PAY-OUT TERMS AGREED

By Our Shipping Correspondent

Compensation terms with the decision to sell four of the 25 ships in the Blue Star fleet have been agreed with the National Union of Seamen.

When they are seen they are invariably dowdily dressed and carefully avoid any contact with the Press.

The unions rejected the scheme but management refused to back down on the Oct 19 deadline, bringing a shutdown of the two-container terminals which employ the Southamptons 960 dockers.

123 locally

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POWELL CONDEMNS THATCHER 'PATH TO BARBARISM'

By OUR POLITICAL STAFF

MR ENOCH POWELL accused the Prime Minister last night of paving the way for an "inhuman and barbarous state" by insisting that education spending had to be diverted towards science in the interests of national prosperity.

True learning and teaching, said Mr Powell, was "to the glory of God," and was not intended to be useful. Consequently, it was a retrograde step for governments to concentrate spending on one form

upon the State's subjects the penalties which attend upon all inhumanity and barbarism, which the greedy expectation attached to the advancement of science torn to bitterness and disillusionment."

POWELL DEMANDS FEAR

'Any Questions?' switch

OUR TV AND RADIO CORRESPONDENT writes: Toynebe Hall, the East End welfare centre, has withdrawn an invitation to BBC Radio 4's "Any Questions?" to be broadcast from there tonight because it fears the presence of Mr Powell on the panel may provoke a disturbance.

The programme, with John Simpson presiding over a team completed by David Steel, Lord Soper and David Frost, will instead be transmitted from Broadcasting House.

Mr Powell's invitation, made initially over two years ago and confirmed last year, was sent long before the make-up of the panel was known.

Mr John Profumo, chairman of the Toynebe Hall committee, is understood to have decided that the risk of trouble was not worth taking.

He also noted that his own education at King Edward's School, Birmingham, and Trinity College, Cambridge, had been made possible through the funding of those foundations from the spoils of Henry VIII's dissolution of the monasteries.

Irrelevant well-being His central argument was that the funding of education was "an act of charity, full stop" and that governments should reject the "heresy" that education was useful and thus promotes economic well-being.

Mr Powell, as a former Minister of Health, argued that there would be an outcry if anyone suggested that the provision of medical services needed to be justified in this way.

"I was dismayed recently to hear the Prime Minister, when conducting a rearguard action to cover the headlong flight of her Education Secretary, telling the House of Commons that 'there are far more alpha projects now than in 1979, as a result of what the Government has done for science.'

Greed to bitterness The Education Secretary himself had justified his ill-fated and hastily-withdrawn measures on the ground that 'the desperate plight of the scientists could not wait longer.'

"All this talk," said Mr Powell, Official Unionist MP for South Dow, "is the sound of barbarism."

"In the end it will bring down

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LIBEL AWARD

TO LABOUR CHIEF WHIP

Mr Michael Cocks, Labour Chief Whip, was given a public apology and libel damages yesterday over a MAN ON STOOL article which said he was set to lead a mass defection of Labour MPs.

Mr Cocks, MP for Bristol South, sued for libel because the article constituted a serious attack on his loyalty to the party, said Mr Desmond Browne, his counsel in the High Court in London. There was not a word of truth in the allegation, he said.

ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPERS, Stewart Stevens, Mail on Sunday editor, and Peter Simmonds, political editor, had agreed to pay Mr Cocks' damages on the one word, "libel," and to pay his legal costs.

LIBEL DAMAGES FOR TRIALISTS

Two well-known sheep dog trialists, Hywel Jones, of Ruthin, Clwyd, and Ellis Edwards, of Bodfari, Clwyd, won undisclosed libel damages in the High Court yesterday from the BBC and HTV over an allegation, screened in November 1982, that they tried improperly to influence a competition judge.

Their counsel, Mr Jonathan Sofer, told Deputy Judge Patrick Bennett, QC, that the allegation was "wholly untrue." Both the BBC and HTV now accepted that they had not been guilty of any misconduct, and apologised and agreed to pay suitable libel damages and legal costs.

RECORD SHOP SALES FORECAST

High street stores are heading for a record Christmas in sales, and growth in the retail trade is expected to continue into the New Year, according to a survey published yesterday.

The retail sector is "doing a great well" and "the retail and wholesale trade is expected to continue," says the Confederation of British Industry's financial times distributive trades survey.

CALL FOR SHOPS TO BAN TOY

Toy shops have been advised to stop selling a new American toy after a safety scare. The toy, Instant Zoo, consists of tiny capsules that break up in water releasing a much larger sponge zoo animal.

Trading Standards officers fear that a child might mistake the capsules for pills and that they would expand in the throat or stomach.

FLAT SETTLEMENT

We are asked to make it clear that in proceedings at West London County Court reported by the Press Association on Dec. 11, an out-of-court settlement was reached in an action by landlords Stafford Court Ltd. and Pergas Ltd. against Mrs Madeline Chadwick, whose husband John is a retired diplomat, seeking repossession of the flat the couple occupy at Stafford Court, Kensington High Street.

Under the settlement, Mr and Mrs Chadwick were allowed to remain at the flat until Feb. 10. Mrs Chadwick, who had sought to prolong occupancy, contested alleged rent arrears of £825.



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BISHOP ATTACKS COUNCIL

THE Bishop of Liverpool, the Rt. Rev. David Sheppard, yesterday criticised the city's Left-wing Labour Council over its policies of housing black tenants.

He demanded that the authority should introduce detailed monitoring of council houses to make sure that black families are getting a fair deal.

His statement came as the Commission for Racial Equality published a report, "Race and Housing in Liverpool," which claimed that black people were being allocated poorer council housing than whites.

The report, based on a four-year study, showed that housing policies and practices had created black ghettos in Toxteth. It called for Liverpool City Council, which is committed to equal opportunities, to begin monitoring the ethnic origins of tenants. But the council has already refused to adopt such a policy.

Bishop "disturbed" The Bishop said: "I was disturbed to hear that the city council has not introduced detailed monitoring. It will not do just to make brave statements."

"The only way we can get at the heart of a complicated matter is by keeping detailed statistics and by reviewing the effects of policies."

Mr Alex Bennett, Merseyside senior community relations officer, said: "This report confirms what blacks in Liverpool have known for many years. There is institutional racism within the provision of services and housing is just one area."

The report discloses that only six out of 754 people working for the council's housing department are black. It says that black families tend to be channelled into the poorer housing of Toxteth whether they choose to live there or not.

Mr Alfred Stocks, Liverpool City Council Chief Executive, said the authority had co-operated fully in preparing the report and welcomed its findings.

SIX YEARS FOR ROBBING WIDOW AGED 90 OF £6

A man who threatened to rape and kill a 90-year-old widow in her country cottage before robbing her of £650 was jailed for six years yesterday.

Mr Justice Leggett, sitting at Winchester Crown Court, called it "a really nasty premeditated robbery."

Welsh, an unemployed labourer of First Avenue, Rawstock, Tadley, near Basingstoke, admitted robbing Mrs Iris Johnson, of Rosemary Cottage, Silchester, near Basingstoke. He had gone to her home pretending to be ill, and got her to fetch him three cups of water.

IRISH INFLATION DOWN TO 6.7 pc

By A DUBLIN CORRESPONDENT

Inflation in the Irish Republic is down to 6.7 per cent, its lowest level for 10 years and better than the government had predicted. The Irish pound rose to almost 86p against sterling, its highest level for over a year.

The news comes at a time when Dr Fitzgerald's coalition government is trailing the Opposition Fianna Fail party by 13 per cent in the opinion polls.

LESSON IN TACT

Education officials in Mid Ulster have been advised to drop their usual policy of wishing teachers in the region "a happy New Year" because spending cuts imposed by the Government will mean poorer prospects and low wage rises.

More competition in conveyancing planned

By TERENCE SHAW Legal Correspondent

CHANGES in the law to promote greater competition for domestic conveyancing and to give better protection to the public against inadequate professional work by solicitors are included in the Government's Administration of Justice Bill, published yesterday.

It also allows for the privatisation of the county or part of a client's costs or to put matters right where its professional purposes committee has provided an inadequate service.

As expected, the Bill implements the main recent proposals of its Conveyancing Committee, headed by Prof. Julian Farrand, for controls of licensed conveyancing once the present solicitors' monopoly of conveyancing has ended.

Under the Bill, licensed non-solicitor conveyancers will be able to undertake conveyancing for reward under the general supervision of a Council of Licensed Conveyancers, which will have the responsibility of ensuring that the standards of competence and conduct of licensed conveyancers are sufficient to provide adequate consumer protection.

As recommended by the Benson Commission, these will have new powers to order the reduction or cancellation of fees and costs where there has been professional misconduct or a legal aid offence."

3-year limit The council will have power to lay down regulations for the education, training and examination of licensed conveyancers, rules of professional practice, conduct and discipline, and indemnities and compensation for those who may suffer loss through negligence, fraud or dishonesty.

Its members will be appointed by the Lord Chancellor and, although it is intended that the council should eventually be self-financing through licensing fees, its initial costs are estimated not to exceed £200,000 over a three-year period.

Under the Bill, which has been introduced in the House of Lords, licensed non-solicitor conveyancers should be exempt by early 1986 from the present law which restricts conveyancing for fee, gain or reward to barristers, solicitors or notaries public.

These restrictions on conveyancing will be extended by the Bill to cover not only the preparation of the documents for the transfer of land but also the preparation of contracts, as recommended by the Royal Commission on Legal Services headed by Lord Benson.

As expected, the Bill gives the Law Society the new powers

A-TEST HEARINGS IN LONDON

By CHARLES LAURENCE

LORD PENNEY, former director of the Aldermaston atomic weapons research centre, is to give evidence to the Australian Royal Commission investigating the conduct and effects of nuclear test explosions in Australia from 1952 to 1963.

The Commission, set up last summer, is to sit in London during January to take evidence from British servicemen involved in the tests, and from the Government.

Mr Peter McClellan, counsel to the Commission, said at Australia House in London: "Lord Penney was the man who directed the tests and he will be the most important witness we hear in London."

He had called Aldermoston director at Aldermaston between 1953 and 1959, as an independent witness, but that the British government had also put him forward as a witness on their behalf.

The Commission is also to take oral evidence from more than 30 servicemen who were involved in the tests, from atomic scientists, and from the Ministry of Defence.

The Commission, headed by Mr Justice McClellan, the Chief Judge of the New South Wales Land and Environment Court, started taking evidence in Australia in October and is due to report to the federal government next June.

Prohibition steps

The terms of reference are to examine:

STEPS taken to manage the tests and trial sites following the tests:

ARRANGEMENTS made to stop unauthorised people from entering prohibited areas;

RADIOPHYSICAL and Health standards;

ARRANGEMENTS to monitor fall-out and

DISPOSAL of contaminated buildings and equipment.

The Commission is also to make recommendations on the future use of the sites, mostly in the desert areas of Southern Australia and on offshore islands, particularly with reference to a plan to band some over to Aborigines.

Last July Lord Hailsham, the Lord Chancellor, announced that he had agreed that the operation of the Registry of County Courts Judgments in South London, where unpaid judgments of more than £10 are recorded, should be transferred from his department to a private enterprise.

Under the Bill, the Lord Chancellor will be able to contract out of operating the registry. It will be run in future by a non-profit making company formed by its principal owners, who are the retail and credit organisations dealing on had debtors.

Secrets exemption

Mr Justice McClellan said British witnesses had been excused from their obligations under the Official Secrets Act to enable them to testify on three counts:

MEASURES taken to protect personnel; ARRANGEMENTS to exclude unauthorised personnel; and THE DISPOSAL of contaminated buildings and materials.

They will not, however, be able to make any reference to the weapons themselves.

The Government has agreed to hand over "large batches" of official documents to the Commission. Unclassified papers will be published with other evidence, but the judge expected that much would be secret and reviewed in private.

The Commission plans to produce two reports: one for public consumption and one containing classified material for the Australian government only.

POWER STATION'S TURBINE SNAG

Thorpe Marsh power station, Doncaster, will have its capacity reduced by half for at least three months following a shaft in one of its two generating turbines buckling.

Intelligence-gathering operations and the widespread use of paid informants inside terrorist ranks have meant the smuggling of explosives and bomb-making equipment have been vastly curtailed.

Weekend Food

Turkeys plentiful, but shop now for beef and pork

By BRENDA PARRY

THERE are plenty of turkeys still in the shops, fresh ones and varying types of frozen birds, but it would be best to get to your butcher first thing if you want anything like a good choice of beef and pork.

A record harvest of home-grown vegetables is keeping prices well down below what they were last Christmas.

The traditional sprouts and carrots are especially good as are onions and cabbage.

If you want something more exotic there are plenty of green peppers, French beans, Chinese leaves and almost anything you care to choose at greengrocers.

A bumper crop of potatoes is reflected in the bargain prices and on home-grown cauliflower have been affected by the weather, which means supplies are coming from Jersey and Brittany and are rather expensive at 60-80p each.

Prices at many shops are bound to be artificially high on Christmas Eve, so it would be best to buy supplies today and tomorrow.

Apples in good supply

Fruit and nuts will be high on this week's shopping list. The traditional apples and oranges are in good supply and good value while there is an even greater supply and choice of exotic fruits.

Pineapples cost £1 each and are particularly good value and make excellent desserts with the minimum of effort.

Satsumas are plentiful and very inexpensive and you can even buy peaches and nectarines from the Cape in good greenhouses. Nuts are more expensive this year because of a shortfall in the hazelnut crop.

While fresh supplies are always the most extractive, the freezer really comes into its own for a long holiday break like this one, with many people wanting to buy food for a fortnight to save shopping the weekend after Christmas.

If you have a traditional roast for Christmas Day, be it turkey, duckling, beef or pork, then why not ring the changes with the vegetables? Turkey meat is often dry, however, carefully cool it so why not try mixed vegetables in a creamy cheese sauce, or perhaps Bejami's ratatouille, or their delicious stir-fry mixed vegetables with a Chinese flavour?

While gammon hams are traditional for Boxing Day, ham is the ideal buffet food and at £1.79 lb for guited whole ham it will go a long way and look very impressive.

The cost of this week's shopping basket of 23 basic items:

Baconbacon ... 26-60s ... 7s
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Manchester ... 29-38s ... 24s
Glasgow ... 19-92 ... 4s
Plymouth ... 19-71 ... 2s
Leeds ... 19-72 ... 17s
London ... 19-71 ... 2s
Ipswich ... 19-35s ... 22s
Newcastle ... 19-32 ... 14s
Liverpool ... 19-22 ... 11s

BRITONS flock abroad for festive sunshine

By IAN BOYNE

RECORD numbers of Britons are joining in this year's "get away from it all" Christmas and New Year holiday rush, which reaches its peak this weekend.

Mr Eric Reich, managing director of Thomas Cook Holidays, said: "Egypt is proving a surprise attraction. All places are totally full and the demand was twice as much as we had originally imagined," he said.

British Airways are providing extra flights to most areas, including an extra four Boeing 747s on the London-New York run. All passengers flying on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day will receive a free present.

The British Rail network will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

THE DECORATIVE DAUGHTER OF A FAMOUS MOTHER PROVES SHE HAS TALENTS OF HER OWN

A stunning beauty who helps turn make-up into a work of art

IN her pictures she is uncannily like her mother, Ingrid Bergman, but in the flesh Isabella Rossellini has an arresting Italian beauty and an unexpected vivaciousness, far removed from her mother's rather shy manner or the languorous beauty she herself portrays in the Lancôme advertisements.

The occasion was the Paris launch of Lancôme's new spring colours. "L'Art Lumière," so the suitable and stunning setting was the Museum de l'Art Moderne against a backdrop of Dufy's luminous mural, La Fée Électricité.

Nevertheless it was the slight figure with the cropped, boyish haircut and the black velvet dress that stood out, even against the competition of such a work of art. She has a magnetic star quality of her own, plus talent too, which is soon to be revealed in the film "White Nights" which she has just completed

and in which she stars with Mikhail Baryshnikov and Gregory Hines.

At 32, twice married (her first marriage was to director Martin Scorsese) Isabella has come to acting late through journalism, then modelling. In fact, it was on a "shoot" for English Vogue that she

BY ANN CHUBB

met her current husband, 26-year-old Jonathan Wiederman when they both modelled for leading fashion photographer Bruce Weber.

With her \$50,000-dollar contract for Lancôme, Isabella takes a highly professional interest in beauty and watches intently the progress of the products she promotes. Her favourite advertisement is still the sleeping beauty of the Fort de Vitale promotion. As she said: "It was quite daring to do. We were all very scared because I had my eyes closed and that's very rare in a beauty ad.

says that she tries to keep a professional distance. And, while she will use a top make-up artist for special events or evenings, "when I'm not in front of a camera I wear only a very little foundation just to even out my skin and very little eye make-up because I find it difficult to do. But I'm crazy about deep, dark, glossy lipsticks."

With the whole gamut of the Lancôme range to choose from, Isabella

RIGHT: Isabella Rossellini, Ingrid Bergman's daughter. Picture by KENNETH MASON.

keeps her make-up routine simple and switches products according to the condition of her skin and the seasons. But she always takes time to cleanse carefully.

Her skin is unbelievably clear and pale, her lashes amazingly long. Her courageous Armani dress of black velvet stunned the French, who would have preferred to

have seen her dressed in something by them; she does in fact dress at both Jean Paul Gaultier and Azzadieone Azelia.

Currently one of the world's highest-paid models, she is one of the new breed of personality-plus faces with whom women in their thirties who spend money on make-up find it so much easier to identify.

Now the film is finished, what next? "Acting, if they'll have me," she says.



GETTING INTO SHAPE FOR BABY

WHEN so many couples make a decision that the time is right for them to start a family, and when so much is known about positive and negative factors in the child's prenatal development, then a preparation programme for a healthy pregnancy is a practical precaution.

Straightforward, unalarming advice on how to set about it is available in "Countdown to a Healthy Baby" by Heather Bampfylde (Collins, £5.95). Most women now know that even minimal amounts of alcohol and a few cigarettes a day can affect the foetus and they should give up both in advance of trying to conceive. But other people's cigarette smoke, and highly-polluted streets full of lead fumes from petrol, also present a hazard.

Many women first suspect they are pregnant when their usual enthusiasm for coffee turns to revulsion, and with good reason.

The caffeine in tea, coffee or cola-type drinks can be a factor in birth defects if your intake is high enough, or if hyperactivity in children as they grow. One cup a day or a switch to decaffeinated drinks is the answer. And don't assume that chocolate and cocoa drinks are

checks. (There are Pre-conceptual clinics now, run by Foresight among other organisations.)

While the husband has a simple test to ensure his healthiness, the wife should have the blood test which shows immunity to rubella (German measles). The latter is essential

pregnant woman develops 30,000 calories' worth of new tissue and needs an extra 30,000 calories to cope with the strain, but taken in quality not quantity. Around 150 calories extra a day (the equivalent of two slices of wholemeal bread) is enough during the first

intending to become pregnant.

Pre-natal care is essential at every stage of pregnancy, but another very practical book, "The Maternity Rights Handbook," by Ruth Evans and Lyn Durward (Penguin £3.95) points out that, if your G.P. does not provide

maternity care, or you do not wish him or her to do so, you can transfer for that period alone.

The Post Office will give a list of GPs in the area trained in maternity care, or you can get the list from the local Family Practitioner Committee.

Your new G.P. will also treat you for any other illnesses during your pregnancy. The handbook, compiled by the Maternity Alliance, concentrates on mothers who work during pregnancy.

It warns that the most innocuous fluids (like correcting fluid used by typists, for example) can contain harmful chemicals. While domes-

tic microwave ovens are not a risk since they are not on all day, industrial ovens, driers, and sealers give out significant non-ionising radiation which can lead to miscarriages.

Ionising radiation from X-ray machines and nuclear radiation can cause reproductive harm to men and women. New regulations, due to come into force in early 1986, set differing low maximum levels for ionising radiation for pregnant women, women of reproductive age, and older women.

There is a comprehensive list in the book of work-hazards for pregnant women, from anaesthetics and solvents to pesticides and infectious agents.

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three months, rising to 350 calories extra a day in the final six months.

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The large imbalance in

the percentage of healthy births between mothers in different social groups in this country is put down mainly to the deficient diets of poorer mothers.

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U.S. BUDGET DILEMMAS

THE PROSPECTS for President REAGAN's fiscal budget message get poorer by the minute. The President's problem is that by the end of January he must produce a budget which indicates to the financial markets that he is serious about deflating ballooning deficits, but which balances expenditure reductions in a way which will be broadly acceptable to both houses of Congress. Unfortunately, the President has made the job just about as hard as it could be. During the election campaign he promised that taxes would not be raised under any circumstances—even inadvertent "revenue enhancement" resulting from Treasury Secretary DONALD REAGAN's ambitious tax reform proposals has been ruled out. The President is also pledged not to interfere with what the Americans call social security, but which we would regard as transfer payments to the relatively well-off middle classes.

As a result of allowing himself to be boxed into such a tight corner, Mr REAGAN has to find cuts of at least \$34 billion from programmes which have already felt the knife run close to the bone. He knows, however, that unless defence, which has been voted unprecedented resources for peacetime during the Reagan years, is also made to take its share of the pain, the package stands little chance of meeting with approval. In the words of the new Senate Majority Leader, Mr ROBERT DOLE, unless deep cuts in domestic spending are matched by some restraint at the Pentagon, the President's budget will be "dead on arrival" when it reaches Congress.

On the evidence of the past few days, Senator DOLE's forebodings look justified. The President has allowed his Defence Secretary, Mr CASPER WERNERBERGER, to suggest cuts which are more apparent than real. Although it is claimed that they actually exceed the \$8 billion which DAVID STOCKMAN, the Budget Director, is looking for, it has not escaped the notice of Congressional leaders that most of the trimming is just moving numbers around the ledger. The hard fact is that unless a major weapons programme, such as the MX missile, or the B-1 bomber, is halted, real spending reductions will be hard to come by. There is a strong case to be made against both systems on grounds of vulnerability and obsolescence, but with important talks on arms control with the Soviets only days away it is a bad time to be sweeping haggard chips off the board. A deal to cut the budget deficit must be put together eventually.

THE BANK AND MR LAWSON

"CONSTRUCTIVE TENSION" is the phrase that might best describe relations between the Treasury and the Bank of England when all is well between them. The Bank has always chafed at the statutory subordination imposed on it by the post-war Labour Government; while the Treasury has always chafed at the far grander lifestyle and the measure of real autonomy enjoyed by its partner at the other end of town. At present, all is not well between them.

Relations between Governor and Prime Minister were often difficult in the early 1980s; but the arrival of Governor LEIGH PEMBERTON seemed to usher in the prospect of calmer seas ahead. For a time such expectations were fulfilled. The unhappy affair of Johnson Matthey Bankers has abruptly terminated the honeymoon. The Treasury, ill-pleased by a lack of consultation, sought ostentatiously to stand aloof when recriminations began to fly. The circulation of doubts about the re-appointment of the Deputy Governor, the mastermind behind the rescue operation, was calculated to exacerbate ill-feeling. Now it looks increasingly as though the strict injunction from the Chancellor that public funds were not to be committed, though honoured in the letter, have come close to breaching in the spirit. In theory the Bank may have acted in accordance with its statutory authority in making a £100 million deposit from its own reserves to what is technically a subsidiary. In practice it seems singularly inept that this should apparently have been done without forewarning the Treasury just when the Chancellor was due to make a statement in the Commons.

This semi-public quarrel has proceeded more than far enough. Mistakes have undoubtedly been made in Threadneedle Street. But the Treasury cannot afford to see the authority of the Governor and his institution undermined (particularly when sterling is already under pressure for other reasons). Great George Street and Threadneedle Street need to get their act together. Time enough to draw the lessons when the dust has settled. The immediate priority is for the Treasury to put its weight behind the Bank to sort out any unwise entanglement.

START DEALING

MR NICHOLAS RIDLEY, having blundered without due thought or preparation on to the minefield of Stansted and Heathrow, has chosen wisely to retreat. His withdrawal, *sine die*, of his Civil Aviation Bill is a simple recognition of the inevitable. The mauling he received from Tory backbenchers yesterday was thus less than it might have been, but Mr Ridley still signally failed to give them the reassurance they seek. Many MPs on his own side believe that he is cynically trying to force their approval of a third London airport at Stansted by the device of a Bill placing limits on traffic at Heathrow. He is thus credited, at best, with a none-too-subtle trick, at worst (by Mr JOHN WILKINSON, chairman of the Tory Aviation Committee) with prejudicing the semi-judicial decision he must take as Transport Secretary in the Stansted inquiry. Recent humiliations in Committee have drawn from him only protests, not explanations. So his Bill is now lost. This was a disaster which was avoidable.

That said, Mr Ridley is entitled to feel that no Government can ever win over Stansted. Successive debacles across 20 years in trying to develop the airport there prove that. But it looks as if the Transport Secretary wants to have another go, given the way he has carefully boxed in his options over Heathrow. To most observers, it is less likely that the present House of Commons, dominated by 400 Tory MPs, will agree to a major airport on these green and blighted acres near Bishops Stortford than any other Parliament since the war. Mr Ridley's daring is, therefore, breathtaking.

Those who will watch this spectacle in the new year will expect a political delicacy which has so far been conspicuously absent. Tory backbenchers have served ample warning that an attempt to railroad through the Stansted Inspector's plan for 15 million passengers a year will not work. But that is not to say that Stansted need continue only with its present trickle of one million passengers a year. If Mr Ridley were to indulge, distasteful as it might be to him, in some detailed negotiation and horse-trading with his MPs over figures closer to four or five million, he might make surprising progress.

Fruits of East End learning

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IT was on Christmas Eve 100 years ago that Toynbee Hall, as it was to be known, opened its doors in one of the most deprived areas of the East End of London.

While in real terms social conditions have vastly improved during the past century, the elements that foster injustice, exploitation and repression never disappear—they merely take on different shapes. The urban highways—the high-rise, the glitter and tinsel of superficial affluence still conceal huge pockets of hopelessness, divided communities, crime, destitute struggle, social disorder, squalid accommodation and, yes, even poverty.

In a vivid new history of Toynbee Hall, Asa Briggs and Anne Macartney put it thus:

There are moments of stillness in the midst of uncertainty and confusion, particularly perhaps in the East End, when it seems that plus ça change plus c'est la même chose.

The background to the founding of Toynbee Hall and the very special role it came to play—was in the social and religious climate of the 1880s.

There had been a stirring of conscience which developed into an outburst of socio-political fervour against the chasm which divided the "haves" and "have nots," especially in the twilight areas of our great cities. In Oxford much interest was being displayed in these matters and when the Rev. Samuel Barnett, vicar of St Jude's Church, Whitechapel, addressed a meeting in an undergraduate room calling for people to go to the East End and see for themselves and "do something," there was immediate effect.

AMONG Barnett's friends at his old university was a dedicated young historian, Arnold Toynbee, who, alas, died aged 31 in 1883. His friends, many of them influential, decided to perpetuate his name in the East End, which he loved dearly, by establishing a settlement which could serve a dual purpose: helping those in need and teaching people the value of, and the opportunities for, full citizenship.

The idea was for graduates from Oxford to go and live, as "residents," in their midst, to help and teach—and indeed learn themselves.

Support came from Cambridge too, and powerful London backing soon included A. J. Balfour and the Duke of Westminster.

Residents and other helpers were attracted from many walks of life. Sir John Gorst, M.P. for instance, Vice-President of the Committee of the Privy Council in charge of Education, lived at Toynbee for a period, as did Sir Robert Morant, his private secretary and a subsequent educational reformer. They did so because of Toynbee's educational work. The discussions took place at Toynbee Hall, Clement Attlee, became the nation's leader in 1945.

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we feel we here are in the Cabinet!"

The founder had insisted that Toynbee Hall should be a secular settlement. For one thing the East End, on the edge of Dockland, had always been the first homeland for foreign settlers: the Huguenots from France, then the Jews, victims of the pogroms in Russia and Poland (and, in modern times, immigrants from rural northern Bangladesh). Nonetheless the dominant philosophy among the founders was Christian socialism.

The growth and spread of the movement is a fascinating story.

By JOHN PROFUMO,

chairman of Toynbee Hall

It pioneered the concepts of free legal advice, citizens' advice bureaux, the Youth Hostels Association, the Workers' Education Association, the Guild of Handicraft and the Children's Country Holiday Fund.

Toynbee Hall gradually became the inspiration for hundreds of other similar communities in many parts of the world.

In 1903 a 24-year-old sub-warden was appointed at Toynbee Hall at a salary of £200 per annum. His name was William Beveridge.

At the end of the Second World War it was Beveridge who was responsible for the blueprint of our modern social services. It was perhaps no coincidence that a one-time secretary of Toynbee Hall, Clement Attlee, became the nation's leader in 1945.

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the Second World War. At the jubilee in 1935 the Prime Minister, Baldwin, said this of Toynbee Hall:

It brought into our life an enlightened humanity and a new approach to the problem of correcting and ameliorating the inequalities of society. It recognised that pity was not enough and that charity was not enough but that these things must be implemented by a new spirit of understanding and association between the classes and based upon continuous inquiry into social evils and the best means of ameliorating them. The sociological researches—what I may call the floodlighting of the East of London—have deeply influenced the scope and character of British domestic legislation.

Since then the Welfare State has arrived, but it became clear that, with the best will in the world, the State alone cannot hope to eradicate deprivation.

There will always be certain people (ethnic minorities in particular) who are positively confused by the "system" and consequently cannot hope to share in full citizenship. It is in such areas that the voluntary sector, increasingly in co-operation with the statutory authorities, is very much alive.

There have been such changes since the last war—social, economic and technological—that the predictions and blueprints of Beveridge have now got to be rethought.

Today there is clearly a dual role for Toynbee: concern for those in distress, and social research and experiment. Which is why we look on the settlement as a "social workshop."

We are re-establishing our traditional social—educational activities and a new, closely-linked, project training young people to make them fit for jobs when their chance comes.

We plan to establish a standing conference of experts to keep studying new and vexing social problems. We still believe in remaining a residential settlement and we are certain that with the right material, the presence of on-the-spot, committed volunteers is of irreplacable value.

GOVERNMENTS are bound in-

creasingly to search for re-

ductions in State spending and it

seems inevitable that along the

road services will be squeezed

unless the private sector can play

a correspondingly greater role in

our social affairs.

One of Barnett's concepts was

the sharing of abilities, not just as

one-way traffic from the privileged

to the deprived. Only through

active citizenship from each

according to his ability did he

believe society could make real

impact on the misery of the poor.

The aim for the second hundred

years of Toynbee Hall will be to

plug gaps, build bridges, blaze

trails and prevent problems turning

into different versions of them-

selves. Instead, by urging them a

step further along the road to

solution, perhaps we may help to

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Intelligence men killed woman, 78, says Dalyell

By CHARLES LAURENCE

THE Government is to look into a claim that a 78-year-old woman who died after a burglary at her home near Shrewsbury was killed by British intelligence officers searching for documents linked to the sinking of the Argentine cruiser Belgrano.

The claim was made in the House of Commons at 4 a.m. yesterday by Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, who has made persistent attacks on the Government over the sinking of the Belgrano.

Mr Giles Shaw, junior Home Office minister, said the allegation would be given full consideration and a proper and I hope comprehensive reply.

Miss Hilda Murrell, a rose grower, was found dead last March in a wood six miles from her home at Haughton Hill, north of Shrewsbury. The house, where she lived alone, had been broken into and there were signs of a struggle.

At an inquest last month, which found that she had been unlawfully killed, the coroner was told that she had been driven the six miles to the wood in her own car, then stabbed and left to die of cold.

No evidence!

West Mercia police are continuing inquiries. A spokesman said yesterday that allegations similar to those made by Mr Dalyell had already been investigated—but no evidence had been found to support them.

Mr Dalyell told MPs during an all-night sitting that Miss Murrell was the aunt of Cdr Robert Green, who had been a naval intelligence officer at fleet headquarters in Northolt and

It is odd'

Mr Shaw commented: "It is at least odd that if there was a British security element in the investigation, or indeed occasioning the crime for which the investigation had been set up, that somehow that should be continuing in this way without those involved being able to make sure that the police and the security forces were apparently sharing common knowledge."

West Mercia police are no longer pursuing "political" lines of inquiry. Their spokesman said the repeated allegations were unfounded as they were deflecting public interest from the "real thrust" of the inquiry, which was the search for a burglar who turned killer.

At his home in Leigh, near Shrewsbury, Dorset, last night, Cdr Green, said: "I was in the Navy until the end of 1982, and I was the fleet intelligence officer at Northwood, the command headquarters there."

During the Falklands war, I was part of the command team, but I sincerely hope the people who murdered my aunt were not looking for papers relating to the Falklands.

"She certainly had nothing, but it means that I might have been responsible for her death. I think it was more likely the intruders were looking for papers relating to the anti-nuclear work."

MANIC' CLAIM

Tory riposte

Mr Edward Leigh, Conservative MP for Gainsborough and Horncastle, said during Commons Business Questions that parliamentary time should not be wasted with further discussion of Mr Dalyell's claims.

He attacked the "manic and ludicrous suggestion by Tam Dalyell that members of the security services are roaming around the country hunting off ladies in high documents relating to the Belgrano."

Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House, told him: "I can promise no Government time will be available for such a debate."

Miss Murrell was a campaigner against nuclear weapons and nuclear power stations and had been preparing a paper for the public inquiry into the Sizewell B power station proposals when she died. Early allegations were that her death was in some way linked to this campaign.

Mr Dalyell, however, dismissed these claims and Mr

Miss Hilda Murrell:

had passed the signal ordering the sinking of the Belgrano during the Falklands conflict. Cdr Green thought the war "unnecessary" and had since left the Navy.

"It was thought that some of Rob Green's supposed records might be in the home of his aunt to whom he was close. I am also given to understand that—and I quite accept it—there was no premeditated intention of doing away with Miss Murrell, only a search of her house while she was out," said Mr Dalyell.

Lady of courage

He went on: "Alas, on Wednesday, March 21, she returned, unexpectedly, to change and the intruders either arrived while she was dressing or were disturbed by her."

"Being a lady of courage and spirit, often found in that generation of women, Miss Murrell fought them. They had to fight, injured her and panicked."

"The cover-up had to begin because the searchers were members of British Intelligence. I am informed."

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SNEEZING LED TO CAR DEATH'

A SUDDEN sneezing fit by a lorry driver may have led to the death of CHARLOTTE LONG, 18, an actress and daughter of Government whip Viscount Long, in a road accident, an Oxford inquest was told yesterday.

She was waiting for help on the M4 near Newbury in Berkshire when a lorry ran into the back of her Ford Escort parked on the hard shoulder after overheating.

Miss Long, of Hans Road, Knightsbridge, died from head and internal injuries in hospital in Oxford on Oct. 6, three days after the crash and three days before her 19th birthday.

Spanish holiday

She was driving back to her mother's home at Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, after a two-week holiday in Spain following recording of the BBC television series "The Tripods."

Mr BRIAN LAUNERS, the lorry driver of Elmwood Road, Upton Lea, Slough, told police he was convulsed by a fit of sneezing which caused him to lose control of his lorry too late and hit the car, he said.

Mr NICHOLAS GARDNER, the coroner, who recorded a verdict of accidental death, said: "I noted with alarm that Miss Long had been waiting for three-quarters of an hour for assistance."

£73m COACH DEAL

By Our Transport Correspondent

The Windsor-based Restair Group has won contracts for buses and coaches worth £7,500,000, including 70 for Hongkong, 40 for South Yorkshire, 16 for Hull and 12 for Africa.

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15,500 FIRES CAUSED BY ARSONISTS

By Our Business Correspondent

Arsonists were responsible for 15,500 out of the 572,000 fires fought by firemen last year, according to a Home Office report yesterday.

The total of deliberate fires was 11 per cent. higher in 1982 and well above the 8,700 recorded in 1978. Almost 6,000 of the fires were in homes.

The overall fire total was 4 per cent. higher than in 1981 and the highest since 1976. But the number of people who died in 905 was slightly down on the 1982 figures.

Hundreds evacuated

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CARAVAN BLAZE

Gipsy Edward Mutranny, 57, was in hospital with serious burns last night after his niece

Maria Williams, 17, filled a kettle with petrol from a container she believed held water,

and their caravan caught fire

on a site at New Vue, Don-

caster, when she put the kettle

on the stove.

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Long time for

luck of a 3d

to work

By J. D. HOLDSWORTH
in Sydney

A FORMER English woman, unable to speak for 12 years, has regained her voice after chewing on a silver threepenny bit.

Marie Heffernan, now 25, unknowingly swallowed the 1959 coin planted for luck with others in the family with Christmas cake when she was 15. She soon developed laryngitis and six weeks later lost her voice.

Despite extensive tests doctors were mystified. They blamed a virus and believed her voice could return as suddenly as it had disappeared.

Mario Heffernan, now 25, was forced to leave and spent four years unemployed before becoming a typist.

Now married and living in Canberra she was at work eight weeks ago when her throat began to get sore. During a coughing bout she bit on

up a little black lump which the Royal Canberra Hospital found was not human tissue but the unexpected coin.

It had been lodged between her vocal cords, preventing them from vibrating, and was undetected by X-rays.

Her parents, Mr and Mrs Dan Orr, who migrated to Australia in 1952, got the shock of their lives when Marie rang them for the first time.

MORTAR AWARD FOR BRITAIN

By Our Defence Correspondent

British persistence has paid off with the award of an American Army order worth £2.1 million for Britain's 81mm mortar.

The contract is for an initial batch of mortars, modified for American use, and several thousand more.

At the total American requirement is for several thousand mortars and some two million bombs, there are hopes that this initial order for the Royal Ordnance factories at Nottingham and Glaescoed, Wales, will be the forerunner of future sales adding up to several hundred million pounds.

FOREIGN CAR PROFITS RISE

By Our Commercial Correspondent

A 60-year-old Quebec man has been granted a divorce on the grounds that his wife's cigarette smoking affected his health and constituted physical and mental cruelty.

Teams of firemen from Greater Manchester and Yorkshire fighting the outbreak were forced to flee a mile and a half along the tunnel as a giant fireball swept down the tunnel.

After the derailment the crew of the train—Mr Stanley Marshall, the driver, Mr Eccles, and Mr David Broadbent, the guard of Redbent, together with Mr Stanley Smale, a railway's inspector—managed to run through the darkness to the Manchester side to stop other trains.

Valves blew

Accompanied by firemen, Mr Marshall went back into the tunnel and managed to drive away with three tankers still on the line.

Firemen made six of the remaining 10 safe, but when they reached the seventh its pressure valves blew.

As the tanker was engulfed in flames, Station Officer Ralph Mallinson, of Halifax, blew the evacuation whistle.

"We ran as fast as we could. Our men just got out in time," he said.

A fire brigade spokesman said firemen with breathing apparatus had later re-entered the tunnel and found three tankers burning fiercely.

"It was decided there was no point in risking lives. With the amount of fuel involved, if it all exploded we could have a fireball coming out of either end of the tunnel."

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Kit McMahon reappointed

IT WAS FORMALLY announced yesterday that the Queen has approved the reappointment of Sir Christopher (Kit) McMahon as Deputy Governor of the Bank of England for a further term of five years from March 1.

Anthony Lothian and David Walker have been appointed directors in a period of transition. Frederick Cory and Robert Haslam have been appointed directors of the Bank in place of Sir Robert Clark and Sir David Steel, whose terms of office expire on Feb. 28.

Grand Met up

SALES at Grand Metropolitan exceeded £500m for the first time in the year to September 30, and pre-tax profits increased from £50m to £55m.

The dividend is lifted by 14.7 p.c. to 4.5p with a 5.5p final payable April 8.

Questor-P16

Distiller's tot

FIRST-HALF profits to September from the Distillers Company have increased from £67.5m to £80.5m. That takes in about £8m of exchange gains but the company reports little or no whisky volume growth.

Interim dividend, payable February 22, has been held at 4.5p net.

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BET up £5m

BRITISH Electric Traction reports pre-tax profits for the six months to Sept. 30 of £37.2m against £31.5m with profits from publishing interests quadrupled. The figure follows massive restructuring, was down from £52.2m to £42.5m. The interim dividend rises from 2.25p to 2.55p a share on April 9.

Questor-P16

Charter stake

THESE have been further share shufflings within the Anglo-American empire with Charter Consolidated yesterday announcing that Nimco had increased its Charter holding from 35.1 p.c. to 36 p.c.

The additional stake, equivalent to roughly 315,000 shares, cost around £567,000. There was no formal explanation from either party for the reasons behind the modest purchases.

Collier loss

THE FORMER John Collier men's wear business, now known as Collier Holdings, following a £47.5m management buyout from Hanson Trust in October 1983, made a pre-tax loss, much as forecast, of £30.6m in the nine months to the end of June on sales of £28.9m.

But property sales produced a net profit after tax of £5.8m. There is no dividend.

Chairman John Thomson says that 70 branches converted to the new Collier style produced excellent results with sales up by nearly 40 p.c. on a comparable basis.

OECD expects recovery to last into 1986

By FRANCES WILLIAMS in Paris

OVERALL prospects for output and inflation in the industrial countries are as good as — or better than — at any time since the watershed year of 1975, when the world was hit by the first oil crisis. The Paris-based Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development concludes in its December economic outlook, published yesterday.

The OECD, the 24-member club of rich nations, foresees continuing economic recovery over the next 18 months, though at a slower pace, accompanied by stable inflation.

But the outlook for employment, notably in Europe, remains bleak. Sluggish growth of activity in Europe is expected to create few new jobs.

Unemployment, already at its highest level for half a century, is forecast to rise by a million to nearly 20 million by mid-1985, representing about 11.75 p.c. of the workforce. Of these, perhaps nine million will be under 25.

The OECD economists expect the industrial world at a whole to grow by 3 p.c. next year, slowing fractionally to 2.75 p.c. in early 1986 from nearly 3 p.c. this year. The slowdown is almost entirely accounted for by the moderation of United States expansion from nearly 7 p.c. this year to annual 5 p.c. over the next 18 months.

Japan is likely to take over as the frontrunner in 1985 with 5 p.c. growth, while Europe lags behind with 2.5 p.c., only fractionally higher than this year.

Britain is expected to perform rather better than the European average next year, though this is partly because of the rebound from the miners' strike. The OECD predicts 5 p.c. growth for 1985 after 2.5 p.c. this year, slightly less than the Treasury's.

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present, with inflation declining gently from 10.5 p.c. in the second half of 1984 to 4.5 p.c. in the first half of 1986.

A forecast modest current account deficit on the balance of payments over the next 18 months contrasts, however, with Government predictions of a substantial surplus.

Average growth of about 2.5 p.c. a year in the last 10 years to mid-1986 would mark some slowing from the 3.2 p.c. recorded in 1983, but the recovery — by then five years old — would still have lasted longer than any previous postwar expansion.

However, while the rise in unemployment might not be as significant as the Treasury's, the outlook says.

In addition, the OECD has a warning for Britain on wages. It says high unemployment has had no appreciable impact on the increase in earnings, still running far ahead of prices, with the risk that continued recovery may be accompanied by pressure for higher pay.

This may be the result of increasing "labour market segmentation" as the unemployed become less employable and less able to restrain the wage claims of those in work, the OECD suggests.

But it warns that if big pay rises granted in highly profitable sectors of industry are copied elsewhere this will lead to higher inflation and job losses.

The OECD takes a relatively optimistic line on the prospects for a "soft landing" of the American economy and plays down the disruptive impact of a sharp decline in the dollar.

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Smith in partnership with Scott Goff

By BARBARA CONWAY

THE PACE of change within the Stock Exchange quickened yesterday with two more firms announcing changes in ownership, one of them involving a major switch in existing rules. It involves the agreement by the Stock Exchange council for jobbers Smith Bros to become a 5 p.c. limited partner in brokers Scott Goff Layton.

The arrangement, which is part of an intended £3.8 million deal for an eventual complete merger between the two firms, is the first time a jobber has been permitted to take a direct interest in a broker.

In a more conventional move, recent standards Williams de Broe, H. Chapman, out the largest jobbers to have remained "uncommitted to a marriage" up to yesterday, has agreed a deal with Banque Bruxelles Lambert, which will lead to the Brussels-based banking group holding an eventual 65.6 p.c. of the broking firm.

Initially Banque Bruxelles is taking the 39.9 p.c. permitted interest of 29.9 p.c. in Williams de Broe, for an undisclosed sum. The second part of the deal will be for a jobber to take a direct interest in a broker in this way.

China Clays jumps 37.2pc

By PETER RICHARDS

ENGLISH China Clay's yesterday announced a 37.2 p.c. pre-tax profit for 1983-84, up from £46.5 million to a record £63.8 million and the purchase of Edwin H. Bradley Holdings for £21 million cash.

The deal, signed at 3.30 a.m. yesterday morning, brings into the group a Swindon-based private company making and selling high-quality and good margin concrete products from its own aggregates source.

Bradley, which is also a private housing and commercial property developer, finished the 12 months to end-March with net assets of £27.1 million and pre-tax profits of 24.5 million and has gone on to £3 million to the ball-year to September.

The deal brings E.C.C.'s spending on acquisitions since end-September 1983 to £74.8 million with the earlier purchases contributing around £2.5 million.

Meantime holders got a 6p dip on April 9 to make 9.6p (8.5p) from earnings of 23.65p (17.29p). The shares rose 2p to 25.6p.

ANOTHER two United States companies have obtained a listing on the London Stock Exchange. They are 'American' Cyma, a biotechnology and chemical company with a market capitalisation of \$2.5m with the listing arranged by Morgan Grenfell, and Cyma as a spin-off from ICI. Morgan Grenfell are advisers and nearly 40 p.c. on a comparable basis.

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COMPANIES

BTR subsidiary in £64m

Australian deal

THE 67 p.c.-owned Australian subsidiary of BTR is spending A\$90 million (£34 million) buying the Nylex Corporation from A CT International.

Nylex makes and sells a wide range of plastic products for the automotive, construction, medical and consumer-based industries ranging from moulded door panels to garden accessories.

BTR is paying A\$60 million in cash and taking on an A\$30 million loan.

Sales at Nylex were A\$254 million and pre-interest profits were A\$8 million in the year to March, and "substantial progress" is looked for in the current year.

BTR chairman Sir Owen

Green says Nylex has a dominant share of its market but BTR's managers should be able to boost the company's profitability. BTR's total Australian turnover will rise to A\$400 million as a result.

The deal needs the approval of Australia's Foreign Investment Review Board. Sir Owen says he does not expect any major problem, although the FIRB has been looking for foreign investors to cut their stakes to minority levels in time.

Aspinall Holdings

RELOCATION and start-up costs, the increase in gaming licence duty and a first-time interest payment on the loan stock have meant that full year pre-tax profits from Aspinall Holdings are down from £15.1m to £11.8m. The "drop," the value of gaming chips purchased, rose from 275,000 to 290,000. Earnings per share 12.8p and there is a single final dividend of 8p (8d) on Feb. 18.

Atlantic Resources

THOUGH Atlantic Resources' investment income jumped from £19.65,000 to £17.996,000 in the half-year, an increase of £1.354,000 in deferred exploration costs and higher tax of £1.322,000 against £1.400,000 have taken up from £1.553,000 to £1.500,000.

Considerable cash resources are still available, meanwhile, as a result of last year's £1.55m placing.

Board is confident that information derived from its recent exploration activities will yield substantial rewards before long.

Berisfords

OPENING half turnover at Berisfords slipped from £1.0m to £9.87m principally in furnishings.

As a result of difficulties in the furniture and home furnishings

"Continuing rationalisation of production, however, has lifted pre-tax profits from £248,000 to £151,000—and it appears that

"second half profits will exceed these."

The interim dividend, meaning 10p, payable March 1, 1985, is 1.5p, payable March 1, 1985.

Richard Adamson, former chairman of William Leech, was replaced in September following "irreconcilable differences" with other executive directors relating to management style and philosophy, has received £200,000 compensation for loss of office.

The £200,000 in connection with the C H Beazer bid, are debited as an extraordinary item in the group's latest preliminary results.

These show full-year pre-tax profits doubled from £1.13m to £2.2m.

Earnings are 9.8p (15.8p) and 2.5p final dividend on Feb. 22.

The group looks forward with confidence to a full year of continued progress.

M & G Group

M & G Group has increased pre-tax profits from £2.01m to £7.1m in what the company describes as "another good year for sales of the group's products and increased revenue from annual management charges."

Earnings emerge at 50.58p against 40.58p, and 15p final dividend on Jan. 31 makes a 25p (20p) total.

There is also a one-for-one scrip issue.

Net assets per share have risen from 218.6m to 272.8p.

Trading since the reorganisation has continued well and in line with forecasts.

Minet Holdings

MINET HOLDINGS reports a period of good underlying growth in its profit and turnover for the nine months to Sept. 30, with the pre-tax figure ahead from £16.1m to £17.7m. Further provision for irrecoverable debts was found necessary in the broking group, which had £2.2m in expenses. Also the general trend in the Listed Syndicate results, together with increased costs in running the Richard Berkett Underwriting Agency, reflected in the half-year figures, resulted in a profits reduction of £800,000 from this year.

IN BRIEF

Superdrug Stores: Nine months p.t. profit £2.25m (£2.1m). Earnings: First half p.t. profit £2.0m (£2.0m). Total turnover £12.65m. Interim dividend 6.67p (6.6p) payable Feb. 7. Opening months of second half in line with internal budgets.

TR Trustee Corporation: First half profit £2.5m (£2.4m). Total revenue £3.49m (£2.89m). Eps 2.08p, 11.81p. Nav. after deducting prior charges at par, 169.1p (130.4p). Interim dividend 1.2p (1.1p) payable Feb. 1. Formartine First half p.t. profit £0.00m (£0.00m). Total turnover £17.05m. Eps 6.71p (6.5p). Interim dividend 2.08p (same) payable Feb. 18.

Sterling Group: First half p.t. profit £2.29m (£2.00m). Total turnover £18.85m. Eps 3.12p (2.28p) adjusted. Int. dividend 0.4p (0.28p) adjusted payable March 1.

Santander Property Trust: First half p.t. profit £2.15 (£2.00). Gross rental income £27.20m (£15.200). No interim dividend issued.

Guinness: Pears. Together with the holders of the minority interest, have sold Nestle Holdings to Imperial Foods for £4.1m cash and net £1.1m as inadvertently stated here recently.

BIDS AND DEALS

Holders support Dee stores bid

DEE Corporation shareholders yesterday approved their company's £180 million takeover bid for International Stores from B A T Industries—but not without a fight.

M & G publicly opposed the move at the meeting. It is not against the deal in principle, but opposes the method of its financing when a record-breaking vendor placing of Dee Corporation shares was carried out on the day of the announcement.

The stock went to 150. City institutions leaving private investors no chance of maintaining their percentage holdings in the substantially enlarged equity.

Troubleshooter at Xyllyx helm

MANAGING director of Xyllyx has left the company and sold all his shares, and the two other executive directors have stepped down from the board to leave it clear for corporate troubleshooter Jim O'Hara who will now be running the company.

Xyllyx came to the unlisted securities market in February with the promise of several large orders in the offing for its computer communications equipment. Not one of these big orders has yet materialised though all but one are still in negotiation.

Reporting its first half to end-September the company showed a pre-tax loss of £177,469 on turnover of £57,246 compared with a loss of £81,477 on turnover of £26,467 for the ten-month period to end March. There is to be no dividend.

Mike Lake, managing director, left the company "due to differences over management philosophy" and has sold his stake for 19p a share.

As the other two executive directors, John Barton and Mr P. Kirby, are technologists, the company called in a specialist company, Tacitus, which has taken 29.9 p.c. of the equity from Mr Lake and some of Mr Barton's holding, and installed Mr O'Hara.

The rest of the shares, representing 36.3 p.c., were bought by Fristi Foundation of Vaduz, which is controlled by a leading Continental industrialist.

In addition to Mr O'Hara there are only two non-executives on the board, and yesterday they said "the company's products still have the potential to generate significant profit. The shares fell 8p to 15p."

THE QUESTOR COLUMN

Smoke in Grand Met's eyes



Trading profit was hit by the dock strike and around £8 million trading profits have apparently been delayed until the second half. But even then the company does not anticipate any more than a "moderate" improvement in full year pre-tax profits, which is expected to translate into a "very modest" increase at the earnings level after a steep jump in the tax charge from 35 to 45 p.c.

Scotch whisky is losing its alcoholic drinks fashion battle. Distillers' products are doing better than most in several key markets, but demand has noticeably weakened in such areas as Japan, South America and the Middle East.

On the home market, 100,000 sales of whisky are suffering from intense competition and flat demand. Volume is inevitably weakening.

Gin sales have strengthened overall, particularly in the United States. Tanqueray is continuing to grow, but whisky accounts for at least four-fifths of the distilling companies' sales.

Somerset, which has a distinct second half bias, should make a much more substantial pre-tax contribution in the second six months, and, given a further boost from exchange rates, full year profits should emerge at around £255 million against £192 million to give virtually unchanged earnings per share of 36p.

A prospective earnings multiple of 8-10 times at 298p is high enough to encourage holding on. But the market will take the latest figure to twice as many times prospective earnings, which also took a pounding from stiffer competition. Minet should hold its own. Brewing is not looking at a downturn and the hotels business develops well. There may even be some revival in cheesemaking rates.

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profits increase this year in per-

Distillers must improve blend

THE Distillers Company is fighting a tough battle against sooty. Pre-tax profits for the half-year to September 30 have expanded from £67.9 million to £80.5 million, but the shares are setting at little more than nine times prospective earnings and remain a core holding in the international service industry.

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BET gets it together

THE hits and pieces that go to make up British Electric Traction are coming together very nicely, thank you. Argus Press

have largely matched each other, so gearing should be hardly changed come this balance sheet date. Further acquisitions before the year is out are probable.

There will be a £14 million write-off, to be taken below the profit line, at year-end in the wake of the sale of Rediffusion Computers. All United Kingdom car interests are also to be sold, but by the interim stage pre-tax profits on a reduced turnover were up and the interim dividend rises faster than the pace of half-time profits.

In the leisure division industry, a prospective earnings multiple of 8-10 times at 298p is high enough to encourage holding on. But the market will take the latest figure to twice as many times prospective earnings, which also took a pounding from stiffer competition. Minet should hold its own. Brewing is not looking at a downturn and the hotels business develops well. There may even be some revival in cheesemaking rates.

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Sport...ON 3 PAGES

EDMONDS AND MARKS FORCE FOLLOW-ON

By MICHAEL CAREY in Gauhati

THE spin of Vic Marks and Phil Edmonds imposed great restraints on limited batting in Gauhati yesterday and although conditions were not as helpful as might have been expected East Zone were bowled out for 117 in 85 overs.

This enabled England to enforce the follow-on, with a lead of 173, the first time they had done so abroad since beating New South Wales six years ago. East Zone were one for no wicket after two overs in gathering gloom.

Though bad light ended play eight minutes early 94 overs were bowled in a day scheduled for five and a quarter hours, which produced a mere 131 runs, one of the leading 30 or so examples of low scoring in the game's history.

The ball turned, though not as much as when the pitch was moist on the first day, but once Marks had taken his first 10 wickets without loss in 11 overs the accuracy of the spinners led to an afternoon session which produced only 43 runs from 44 overs.

Firm strokes

Forster, having timed some firm strokes at the end of England's innings, got his reward by having Dubey hit third ball, but Arun Lal and Mitra were quietly coming in terms with the bowling when Mitra was lbw to Edmonds.

This was something of a collector's item in dismissals. Mitra having been struck on the pad, edging the ball away on the off side, and the loss of their leading batsman left the weakest of the zonal sides with no wicket to Edmonds.

By now Edmonds was giving little away and perhaps because of that Marks began to earn the rewards for fighting the ball rather more at the other end, starting when Lal, unable to run out to cut, played on to him.

The next ball, tossed up individually, struck the bat and hopped to the bowler in Bharadwaj and when Jayaprakash played on from a defensive stroke two overs later Marks had more than doubled his haul of wickets on the tour.

Dogged resistance

Though a period of doxey resistance followed, especially by the local batsman, Das, capital strokes were few and far between.

If a rare boundary had been cut off by Cowans at mid-off East Zone would have distinguished themselves by scoring fewer runs than overs bowled in the afternoon session.

Das was caught behind giving himself room to cut Marks. The new ball, taken at 102 after 75 overs, accounted for Sinha and Desai, although not particularly well used by either Cowans or Forster.

GREENIDGE DOUBT

West Indian opening batsman

Gordio-Greenidge may miss the fourth Test against Australia which starts in Melbourne on Saturday, because of a viral infection.

Sharon Tredrea, the Australian captain, has withdrawn from the series following the aggravation of an Achilles tendon injury in the first Test Perth last week.

Tredrea, 30, who made the announcement in Adelaide yesterday said she damaged the tendon of her right Achilles while bowling and had further aggravated the injury by continuing.

She will be replaced as captain by Jackie Thompson, 30, with Denise Emerson as vice-captain.

Tredrea, who had been advised to rest the right leg, is keeping the tendon if she continued to play, will have decompressive surgery in Melbourne next month.

Inevitable decision

An emotional Tredrea said she was "devastated" at the decision, adding that it had to be made as she would have been a "liability" to the team.

Meanwhile England's captain, Ian Botham, said her team had performed well for the most part and had not sustained any injuries from Wednesday's one-day game against South Australia which England won by seven runs.

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WRIGHT ENDS SAGA WITH AN APOLOGY

By DONALD SAUNDERS

MARK WRIGHT'S public apology for providing a Sunday newspaper with the gory details of his dressing-room dispute with Lawrie McMenemy will be welcomed in Southampton, as an indication that a sense of reality is returning to The Dell.

Supporters of this recently much-abused south coast club now wait for Wright's transfer-listed England colleague, Steve Williams, also to be realistic and withdraw a declaration that he will never play for Southampton again.

Wright's apology, made on the advice of Gordon Taylor, the Professional Footballers' Association secretary, may lead to his early return to the Southampton defence in which he last appeared during the ill-fated Mill Cup tie against Queens Park Rangers on Nov. 20.

It was on that night, according to Wright's blow-by-blow account that he showed Mr. McMenemy into the dressing room, only after the manager had aimed a punch at him.

In yesterday's statement Wright, who made a vain attempt to retract after talking with the manager shortly before publication of the articles, admitted he was wrong to wash such dirty linen in public.

Fee for charity

He wishes to reiterate his intention of giving a full commitment to the manager and the club, and to end the saga, he added, the statement. "He appreciates the debt he owes Lawrie McMenemy for the progress his career has made so far."

All this and his expressed intention to donate his fee from the newspaper to the Save The Children's Emergency Appeal Fund, indicates that Wright's relations, somewhat belatedly, that his public row with Mr. McMenemy was not furthering his career, Southampton and their man-



Mark Wright... has shown remorse for making public the details of his row with Lawrie McMenemy (right), Southampton's manager.

NICHOLAS TERMS AGREED

By ROGER MALONE

PETER NICHOLAS, Crystal Palace's Welsh international, travelled back from Sheffield United's Bramall Lane ground last night after the clubs had agreed on a £150,000 fee for the hard-tackling former Arsenal mid-fielder.

"We've agreed terms with

Palace, and on most things with

Nicholas, but he still has one

or two things to sort out," said

United's manager, Ian Porter-

field.

Palace's need for hard cash

would see that reason for par-

ticipation, Palace had described

it as inspirational in a dis-

covery of seven unbeaten games,

taking them clear of the Second

Division relegation zone, in

which United have sunk during

the last two without a win.

Listed as a man enjoying

Palace's disappointing figures of 4,400, Mr. Porterfield added:

No progress at the moment" on his move for Fulham's mid-fielder Ray Houghton.

Geddis' moves

Birmingham's manager, Ron Saunders, clearly believes in the value of the Welsh "new boy" known as David Geddis, his £15,000 signing from Barnsley yesterday, is the 11th former Aston Villa player to join him in less than three years since he resigned from Villa Park.

Geddis, who is playing only a fraction of the £500,000 Mr. Saunders signed Ipswich for in 1979, is bought with part of the £250,000 Birmingham acquired from Luton last week for striker Mick Harford, who is believed to be expected to replace against Wimbledon tomorrow.

Southern League

DON STEWART TAKES OVER

By NEIL SCOTT

Chelmsford have appointed Don Stewart, their reserve team boss, as caretaker manager following the departure of Mick Loughton, who was with the Southern League club for 12 years as a player and manager.

Mr. Loughton resigned after a 5-1 home defeat by Wokingham in the FA Trophy last Saturday and his post will be advertised in the New Year.

"Being sacked at Burnley soured me," he admits. "After 14 years as a manager I found myself making elementary mistakes and struggling when people were difficult with me."

Missed involvement

"I'll never forget that sense of disillusionment. But I gradually realised the strength of my passion for the game. I missed the marvellous sense of involvement you get from working with players."

The cynics will continue to say that he is an empty figure with more style than substance, and Mr. Bond returns from his enforced sabbatical with brutal awareness of his qualities.

"I won't hide from the fact that there are plenty of managers around who are as good as me. But they will never get to the heights I have reached because they don't sell themselves."

Others see me as a big mouth, a show-off. But they don't realise I am a different person to the person I project. In football you have got to be able to adapt yourself."

Ingenuity needed

Mr. Bond will need all his ingenuity to thrive at Swansea, with the view from the bridge over the Taff, the captain of the Titanic. Financial iceberg litter the horizon.

There is a theory in the game that Swansea's slide from the First Division will inevitably culminate in extinction.

Mr. Bond and Mr. Stewart concede: "The club is in a parlous state. They mortgaged their future and let the slide go so far before they took action. But I'm sure safety is returning to the same, and I don't mind problems. They can't control the mind."

I've got a new philosophy. I'll never again get up tight about the game, know I'll have to work hard and work quickly—but work has never frightened me..."

Coca League

BIG LOSS TO MAIDSTONE

By A Special Correspondent

MAIDSTONE, Coca League

champions, have been

advertising nationally to fill

the highest-paid managerial

job in non-League soccer after

the resignation of Bill

Williams, their guiding light,

early this week.

Maidstone offer an exceptional

reward, but whether they can

find a man capable of repeating

the remarkable success of Mr.

Williams, must be open to question.

Mr. Williams, 42, who took

Maidstone to the runners-up spot

in 1983 and the title this year

spiced with FA Cup limelight on the way, is emigrating to South Africa, where he has accepted a management post in a Durban

steel factory.

Maidstone's success, alone did not

get him above average. He orga-

nised the club's London Road stand,

ran the lottery, raised substantial

sponsorship, sold advertising with

conspicuous success and liaised with

the greyhound section which

shares the facilities.

Mick Mercer, Maidstone's secre-

tary, acknowledged: "Bill's done

an exceptional job. We're under

no illusions, there must be few

people capable of following in

but without a shadow of doubt

it's the best paid job outside the

Football League."

PUBLIC SCHOOLS DOMINATE

By Our Schools Soccer Correspondent

Public Schools... 5

Berkshire... 0

As the Football Association

were unable to field a

youth team against the Public

Schools this year, Berkshire

provided the opposition in this

the Public Schools' eager

forwards went the much of a

handful for Berkshire throughout

and Jamie Hill and N. Francis

gave the defence a hectic time.

P. Baverstock opened the

scoring in the 14th minute when

after good work by Francis, he

shot through a crowded goal

mouth into the corner of the oct.

P. McCarthy scored the second

with a fine header.

Second-half goals from Hill,

after a five-man move, Frazer,

whose shot went in off a post,

and G. Willets, who scored after

a fine solo run, completed an

impressive performance by the

Public Schools.

—R. Williams, J. OESG, Bletch-

ley, W. Carpenter, J. Williams,

J. Price, R. Williams, P. McCarthy, J. John,

L. Williams, S. Hill, J. Hill, N. Francis,

S. Hill, D. Parker, R. Williams, C. Hill,

J. Treadwell, J. Williams, C. Williams,

D. Bailey, J. Mardenhead, C. Hill.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY CLUB RECORDS

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Buckingham... 9

Cardiff... 8

Cirencester... 7

Cleethorpes... 6

Cleethorpes... 5

Cleethorpes... 4

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